

Pea Ridge

Boy Scouts of America - Hike Through History

The Battle of Pea Ridge was fought March 7-8, 1862. When it was over, more than 3,000 soldiers had been killed, wounded or captured and the military initiative in the region swung to the side of the Union. Today the National Park Service preserves the battlefield in memory of all who fought and died here so long ago.

Museum Questions

1. Who commanded the Union Army at Pea Ridge?
 2. Who commanded the Confederate Army at Pea Ridge?
 3. Who commanded the Missouri State Guard at Pea Ridge?
 4. Name the town in Missouri that was the supply base for the Union Army.
 5. Name the mountain range where the Confederate troops assembled for the battle.
 6. What do you place in your haversack?
 7. How did the Cherokee Indians come to live in the Indian Territory, now Oklahoma?
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Trail Questions

The answers to the following questions will be found at the wayside exhibits along the hiking trail. Some questions may not have a “right” or “wrong” answer. These questions challenge you to think. If you need help, ask a fellow scout, your troop leader or a Park Ranger.

1. Name two Confederate Generals killed in the battle of Leetown.

2. The battlefield looks much different today then it did during the Civil War. At Leetown Battlefield, list five things that you would have not seen here in 1862.
3. Name the two roads that meet at the Elkhorn Tavern.
4. Over half of the park is covered in deciduous hardwood forest. The heavy timber and rugged landscape north Tavern is difficult to maneuver large numbers of troops. As you hike north of the Elkhorn Tavern on the Telegraph Road and turn at Williams Hollow, list five different types of trees in this forest.
5. Nearly 3/4 of mile north of the Elkhorn Tavern is the remains of a tannery. What was the product of this industry and are you using anything today made from the same material?
6. Imagine you are a wounded Confederate soldier. What type of medical treatment might you receive at the Williams Hollow Hospital Site?
7. When you reach the Union Cannons of Telegraph Road (Tour stop 10) slowly turn around and look carefully at the battlefield. Many people see Civil War battlefields as sacred places because that war did so much to shape the nation that we live in today. Do you think that places like Pea Ridge should be preserved or not?
8. Why?
9. Name three things that you or your scout troop can do to help preserve a place of historic or natural importance?

